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MRT CORP WELCOMES THE DECISION TO CONTINUE WITH MRT LINE 2

Kuala Lumpur, 20 January 2015: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) welcomes the Government's move to review Budget 2015 in view of the new global economic conditions.

MRT Corp would like to credit the Government for its willingness to appropriately take necessary action in the best interests of the country, and ultimately the *rakyat*.

Its Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar applauds the Government's decision to maintain the Development Expenditure of RM48.5 billion for 2015, and to proceed with the implementation of various infrastructure projects including MRT Line 2.

"A second MRT line for the city is the logical step especially as we have taken the position of making urban rail as the backbone of public transportation for the Klang Valley. With the expertise we now have, and resources already available from the first line, building the second MRT line is timely," Shahril said.

Furthermore, he said the continued development of infrastructure is vital in ensuring economic growth and generating employment.

He said the decision by the Government in reviewing the Budget had undoubtedly taken into consideration various factors.

"On our part, we will continue to be prudent in our expenditure. In saying so, safety and quality of work will not be compromised as it is a key cornerstone for MRT Corp," Shahril said.

Shahril said these were trying times not just for Malaysia but the world in general.

"We hope all Malaysians will stand together to overcome the challenges which may come our way in the near future," he said.

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About the MRT Project

The MRT is a new urban rail system for the Klang Valley.

The first MRT Line, the 51km Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line will comprise of 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route.

The MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line, the second MRT line to be built, was approved by the Government in February 2014. The proposed alignment is expected to go for public display in the first quarter of 2015 and the final alignment is targeted for approval in August 2015.

The Klang Valley MRT will integrate with the Klang Valley's existing rail transport network, namely the LRT, Monorail and KTM Komuter, as well as intra and inter-city bus routes. The end result will be better connectivity for Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.

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